GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ENTRY OF NEW PESTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to prevent entry of New Pests in the country;

(b) whether several pests have already got through the barriers set up for the purpose due to inadequate testing and detection facilities; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): In order to prevent entry of any dangerous pest into the country, all import of the plants/plant material, fruits are regulated as per the provisions of Plant, Fruits and Seeds (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 1989 issued under Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914. The Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage has established 29 Plant Quarantine Stations all over the country to deal with bulk import of plants and plant materials. Also, National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has been authorized to undertake quarantine inspection of germplasm materials.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Question does not arise.